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SUBJECT: GABON: SUPPORTIVE OF U.S. FOOD SECURITY OBJECTIVES

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On November 12, Ministry of the Economy Director of Consumption and Nourishment Madame Pepecy Ogouliguende told poloff that Gabon should have no problem supporting U.S. efforts on food security in the U.N. General Assembly and in other fora. Similarly, Director General for the Americas Desk Bika Bisso told poloff on November 2 that Gabon's interest in food security dovetails with U.S. goals. Both Ogouliguende and Bisso also noted that Gabon's practice of importing most of its food means that price fluctuations and availability have severe negative impacts on the majority of Gabonese. Ogouliguende asked that the U.S. and other G8 nations investigate ways to stabilize international food prices in Africa. Copies of the letter from Secretary Clinton (reftel) were sent to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Economy. Ogouliguende and Bisso also received copies.

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